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Sent: Wed 4/16/2014 3:50:34 PM
Subject: RE: West Lake

Yes, Blythe. They are referring to our plans for radiation monitoring that will occur both inside and outside of the perimeter fence of the site, both before and during the construction of the isolation barrier. This was mentioned in a recent edition of EPA's West Lake Update newsletter. Including a link to that newsletter here for your reference:

http://www.epa.gov/region7/cleanup/west_lake_landfill/pdf/west-lake-update-04-07-2014.pdf

(See the story headlined, "EPA to Conduct Air Monitoring Before and During Barrier Installation".)

KSDK's story seems to suggest our monitoring is in reaction to the citizens group's announcement that it will begin using its own monitor. This is not true. EPA was developing work plans for the monitoring that will occur in relation to the isolation barrier construction long before we were even aware that the citizens group had even received a monitor. To its credit, the group has contacted us to inform us that it will be using the monitor, and that they intend to share their results with us.

Further, KSDK's story is incorrect when it states this will be the first time EPA has monitored for radiation outside the boundary of the site. EPA conducted a wide-scale aerial overflight screening of the site last year, which included some screening beyond the site boundaries. That overflight screening confirmed that no off-site exposures from materials on the site were occurring. Here's a news release:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/EEC878691763A6D885257B7A005A876E>

Hope this helps...

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Hi Chris,

KSDK is reporting that the EPA will test for radiation outside the West Lake Landfill boundaries, do you have any more details on this?

<http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/2014/04/15/bridgeton-landfill-radiation-testing/7762985/>

Thanks,

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